



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Werner WEITSCHIES et al. :

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For: PROCESS AND COMPOUNDS FOR DETECTION OF ANALYTES USING
REMANENCE MEASUREMENT, AND USE THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claim 39 as follows:

39. A process according to claim 1, where magnetite-labeled anticollagen III and
SQUID(s) are used. --

REMARKS

In response to the Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species mailed March 24, 2000, applicants hereby elect the method and substance of Example 1 of the present specification; i.e., magnetite-labeled anticollagen III. Moreover, to the extent that an election of a particular magnetic field sensor is necessary, applicants elect a ferromagnetically shielded chamber with a detector, in which remanence is measured, as in example 1, i.e., a SQUID.

The Requirement for Restriction is respectfully traversed, inasmuch as the Examiner has not provided evidence that an undue searching burden would be required in order to search all of the claims, and for the following two reasons.

First, it is submitted that the requirement for election has been misformulated. At page 3 of the Office Action, it is stated that various groups of claims correspond to the species "various ferromagnetic substances" to the species "various structure-specific substances such